and edible seeds among the wholesales to prevent hoarding, blackmarketing and speculation; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) In order to prevent hoarding and to maintain supplies for securing equitable distribution and availability of edible oilseeds and edible oils, at fair prices, the Government has recently amended the Pulses, Edible Oilseeds and Edible Oils (Storage Control) Order, 1977, restricting sale/purchase transaction in respect of edible oils and oilseeds between one wholesaler and another to only one.

Transfer of flats by DDA

3812. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of applications for transfer of flats to family members, consequent on division of Hindu Undivided Families properties, are pending with the Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to expeditiously clear these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) Only 49 such cases are under process for transfer in the DDA.

(c) While all efforts are made to dispose of such applications expediously, transfer can be only after the submission of the required documents.

Construction of Cold Storages

3813 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a large number of cold storages in the country for the benefit of farmers, poultry farmers and fruit growers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the assistance given to the State Governments in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) There were 2488 cold storages in the country with a total capacity of 50 23 lakh tonnes as on 31-12-1985 Of the total, 204 cold storages with a capacity of 5.386 lakh tonnes were in the cooperative sector at the end of March, 1987 The Government's policy is to encourage the setting up of cold storages for the benefit of farmers, poultry farmers and fruit growers among others. The Directorate of Marketing and Inspection, under the Cold Storage Order 1980 renders technical inspection and advice services on construction, operation and maintenance of the cold storages in various parts of the country covered under the Order A Central scheme to subsidse differential rate of interest on capital investment in cold storages for poultry products set up under State level poultry corporations federations and similar other organisations has been introduced during the current year Cold storages in the private sector are mainly financed with their owned resources supplemented by bank finance, wherever necessary In the cooperative sector, the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) has been promoting and financing cooperative cold storages The target is to enhance the capacity of the cooperative could storages in the country from 3 17 lakh tonnes as existed in 1984-85 to about 7 lakh tonnes by the end of the Seventh Plan Period. The cummulative assistance provided by the National Cooperative Development Corporation upto the end of March, 1987 is Rs. 51 77 crore for setting up of 244 cooperative cold storages with a capacity of 6 74 lakh tonnes.